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Protected water-supply to Ponnani

* 992 *Q.*—Sri E. T. KUNHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have under consideration any proposal to introduce protected water-supply in the Major Panchayat area of Ponnani?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir."

Police dogs

* 993 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the nature of cases detected with the aid of police dogs during the year 1954?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Two cases of lurking house trespass and one case of robbery and a number of cases under the Prohibition Act were detected with the aid of Police dogs during the year 1954."

Sri K. ARANGANATHAN :—" As these dogs are useful in detecting cases, will the Government come forward to provide them in all taluk and district headquarters? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This is a very costly scheme. That is why it is being tried in the City now and if it is found useful and if we are able to train a sufficient number of dogs, it may be possible to extend the scheme to other district headquarters. I do not think, under any circumstances, it would be possible to extend it to taluk and other mufassal stations."

Sri P. CHELLATHURAI :—" இந்த போலீஸ் நாய்கள் நமது மாகாணத்தைச் சேர்ந்த நாட்டு நாய்களா அல்லது வெளி நாடுகளிலிருந்து கொண்டுவரப்பட்டவைகளா ? எந்த ரகத்தைச் சேர்ந்தவைகள் என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்ல முடியுமா ? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" இதில் எல்லா ரகங்களும் சேர்ந்திருக்கின்றன."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Will this Government give more scientific training to the staff of the Police department in the detection of crimes before they think of giving training to dogs? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Men are also being trained but unfortunately animals have got greater instinct in this than men. That is why dogs are being used and that is also a scientific way of detecting crimes."

Sri S. PANCHAKSHARAM :—" How are these dogs trained? Is it with the help of foreign experts or policemen here itself? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" They are trained by policemen here itself."

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Sri S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" The Hon. Minister has said that this is a costly scheme. Will he be pleased to tell the House the cost of each dog and the cost of training each dog? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" A separate question may be put."

Sri V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Cannot these dogs be maintained in the headquarters of the Deputy Inspectors-General of Police at Madurai and Coimbatore? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir. We do not have sufficient number of dogs to provide at district headquarters or other mufassal stations."

Sri V. K. RAMASWAMI MUDALIAR :—" Is it a fact that the dogs that were imported from England had died recently? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not have information about it with me now."

Sri M. R. RAMACHANDRAN :—" Will these police dogs be used to detect crimes committed by policemen themselves? " (Laughter.)

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" They can be used for the detection of any crime provided it is a question of following the scent and tracking the criminal. It does not matter whether the offender is a policeman or not."

Sri M. P. SUBRAMANYAM :—" May I know whether the expenditure incurred in maintaining a police dog is more than the emoluments paid to a police constable? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not have the exact figures now. Of course when we maintain a dog, it will have to be properly fed."

Sri D. KRISHNAMURTHI GOUNDER :—" போலீஸ் நாய்கள் எத்தனை இருக்கின்றன ? ஒவ்வொரு நாய்க்கும் எவ்வளவு செலவாகின்றது ? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Notice, Sir."

Sri S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" Among the dogs, are there both dogs and bitches and do they breed among themselves? " (Laughter.)

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" If the hon. Member is interested in the problem, he may put a separate question." (Laughter.)

Sri M. JAGANNATHAN :—" May I know whether these police dogs are given such training that they can obey the orders of a particular officer or they can be commanded by any police officer? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Only a particular person can command a dog and it obeys the orders of that particular person."